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FOR NEA SOBER FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN, OTRA

SUBJ: POSSIBLE VISIT BY EXIMBANK PRESIDENT CASEY

REF: A. STATE 91079 B. TEHRAN 2755

1. I DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO BILL CASEY'S MESSAGE TO ME (REF A) AND ASK THAT THE FOLLOWING REPLY BE CONVEYED TO HIM. IN DOING SO I ASSUME THAT CASEY IS AWARE OF THE INITIATIVES WE HAVE IN MIND TO DEVELOP CLOSER IRAN-U.S. RELATIONSHIPS ACROSS THE BOARD AND THAT WHAT HE PROPOSES TO DO FITS OUR PURPOSES. I MUST SAY QUITE CANDIDLY THAT OUR LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR IRANIAN FINANCING PROPOSALS FOR LDCS HAS HARDLY GENERATED THE MOST HOSPITABLE CLIMATE IN WHICH TO MAKE PROPOSALS OF OUR OWN WHICH INTER ALIA PROMOTE AMERICAN EXPORTS. NEVERTHELESS I SEE NO HARM IN CASEY COMING HERE PROVIDED IT FITS WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED ABOVE. MY MESSAGE TO CASEY IS AS FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN QTE. I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO SPEND SOME TIME HERE TO SEE IF THERE IS SOME CONTRIBUTION THE EXIMBANK CAN MAKE TO IRAN'S INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT. MAY 21 IS FINE WITH ME BUT YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT I INTEND TO LEAVE FOR A BRIEF VACATION ON THE 22ND. MY ABSENCE NOTWITHSTANDING, I AM SURE MY EMBASSY COLLEAGUES AND PARTICULARLY OUR ECONOMIC COUNSELOR BILL LEHFELDT CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE TO YOU. YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT AEC CHAIRMAN DIXIE LEE RAY AND SOME OF HER TOP ASSOCIATES WILL BE IN
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TOWN AT THAT TIME DISCUSSING WITH THE IRANIANS HOW WE MIGHT HELP

IN DEVELOPING AN IRANIAN NUCLEAR ENERGY CAPABILITY. I DO NOT BELIEVE THIS WILL BE DISTRACTIVE INsofar AS THE IRANIANS ARE CONCERNED BUT IT MAY TAX SOME OF OUR EMBASSY RESOURCES.

3. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT WE OWE THE IRANIANS SOME REPLY TO THEIR QUERY ABOUT POSSIBLE EXIMBANK FINANCING OF \$500 MILLION OF MILITARY PURCHASES DURING FY 75 (REF B). BEST REGARDS
END QTE.
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